HOUSE BILL 2257

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 8, relative to a change of name.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-8-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) If the applicant reasonably believes that publication of the petition would result in harassment, embarrassment, or abuse of the applicant and includes such information in the accompanying affidavit, then the petition may be filed under seal, and the applicant may use a pseudonym for publication purposes.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.